

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, claims 1-24 were pending.

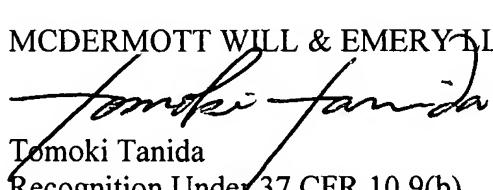
Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1-24 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 have been amended only to eliminate antecedent basis issues in response to the §112, second paragraph. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. In addition, Figure 8D has been amended in response to the objection to the drawings. Based on this Amendment, Applicants respectfully solicit withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and the objection to the drawings. The title of the invention has also been amended based on the verified English translation filed June 13, 2002.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Fig. 8D. This sheet, which includes Figs. 8A to 8D, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 8A to 8D. In Fig. 8D, the characters not mentioned in the description have been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet